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Title: Need to include tribal villages in the Fifth Schedule Area in Andhra Pradesh.

DR. BABU RAO MEDIYAM (BHADRACHALAM): This is regarding inclusion of some tribal villages in the 5th Schedule Area in the State of Andhra Pradesh. There are about 805 villages in nine districts of Andhra Pradesh, where predominantly tribal people live. These villages contain about 50-100 per cent of tribal population. These people are not getting benefits out of ITDS or other welfare activities of the Government, because they are outside the Schedule Area. There are about 3.5 lakh people in these areas. Hence I request the Government, particularly the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs to clear the file which is pending with them in Delhi for the last two years so that these villages are included in the 5th Schedule Area.